



Joint Trilateral Statement
Australia-Japan-United States Trilateral Senior Level Seminar
5-8 June 2016

General Robert B. Brown, Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific, hosted the Australia-Japan-United States Trilateral Senior Level Seminar over the period of 5-8 June 2016 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Heads of Delegation were: Lieutenant General Angus Campbell, Chief of Army, Australia, General Kiyofumi Iwata, Chief of Staff, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, Lieutenant General John Toolan, Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, Brigadier General Bryan Fenton, Commander, Special Operations Command, Pacific, and General Robert Brown, Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific.

The Heads of Delegation candidly shared strategic visions and perspectives on regional security issues and security cooperation in the Indo-Asia-Pacific. The group participated in plenary sessions focused on regional perspectives, Chinese Grand Strategy, and interoperability. They reaffirmed that the trilateral relationship is based on transparency, common bonds, mutual trust, and shared values such as freedom, democracy, and the rule of law, which provides the foundation for a sound and effective regional security framework. Furthermore, the Heads of Delegation explored a wide range of trilateral engagement opportunities to further build capacity to contribute to security and stability of the region.

The Heads of Delegation agreed that the preservation of regional stability hinges on a respectful, consistent and cooperative effort while identifying the need for trilateral cooperation on common issues. This effort calls upon the continued strengthening of the Australia-Japan-U.S. trilateral relationship and a focused, strategic incorporation of regional partners, allied nations, and joint and interagency elements. In order to further strengthen the trilateral relationship, the partners will seek to collectively shape the context of the trilateral relationship as it influences the international environment, improve cooperation and training in existing exercises, identify convergences of interests in regional engagement, optimize senior leader communication, and enhance all aspects of ground force interoperability.

The Heads of Delegation agreed to continue to enrich land force relations among Australia, Japan, and the U.S. By pursuing mutually beneficial military relations, the undersigned agree to continue to cooperate closely in planning and conducting engagements and activities of benefit to all.

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